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SUBJECT: GOA FREES 541 FROM EXECUTIVE POWER, EXPELLS OTHERS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8039

1. THE EXECUTIVE YESTERDAY (DEC. 22) PUBLISHED A LIST OF 541 DETAIN-  
EES WHO SINCE NOV. 1 ARE NO LONGER BEING HELD AT THE DISPOSITION OF  
THE EXECUTIVE UNDERSTATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS  
REPORTS, THIS BRINGS TO 1,423 THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES RELEASED  
FROM EXECUTIVE POWER SINCE MARCH 24. IT IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER,  
HOW MANY OF THESE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN RELEASED OR HOW MANY REMAIN  
JAILED FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE NAMES LISTED ARE NOT FAMILIAR  
TO EMBASSY AS AMERICAN INTEREST CASES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL ARE LABOR  
LEADERS KNOWN TO LABATT. A QUICK PERUSAL OF LIST SHOWS SEVERAL  
NAMES HAVE APPEARED ON EARLIER LIST SENT TO DEPT. UNDER COVER OF  
SMITH-RONDON O-I ON NOV. 23 (SEE SEPTTEL. EMBASSY IS POUCHING LIST TO  
ARA/EC.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO LISTED 18 FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED  
FROM NOV. 1 TO DEC. 22. THE NAMES INCLUDE SEVEN CHILEANS, THREE  
URUGUAYANS, TWO BOLIVIANS, TWO PARAGUAYANS, TWO SPANIARDS (ONE AN  
EX-PRIEST), ONE EGYPTIAN AND ONE GERMAN. URUGUAYAN SENATOR  
ENRIQUE ERRO, WHO WE REPORTED WAS EXPELLED ON NOV. 3, ANC CHILEAN  
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SERGIO EDGARDO MUNOZ MARTINEZ WERE THE TWO FAMILIAR NAMES ON

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THIS LIST. (SERGIO MUNOZ WAS SUBJECT OF JOHN RUSSELL LETTER OF FEB. 6 AND JUDITH KAHANE LETTER OF MARCH 29.) ALTHOUGH THE PRESS GIVES THE TOTAL OF FOREIGNERS EXPELLED AS 114 SINCE MARCH 24, SIX OF THE NAMES PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S LIST (WHICH WAS TO COVER NOV. 1 TO DEC. 22) ALSO APPEARED ON THE LIST OF 13 FOREIGNERS EXPELLED IN OCTOBER, INCLUDING SPANISH EX-PRIEST. (SEE REFTTEL.) WHETHER GOA'S PUBLISHING THE SAME NAMES TWICE TO SWELL THE NUMBER OF EXPELLEES AND OF DETAINEES WAS INTENTIONAL OR A MISINTERPRETATION OF THE PRESS, WE DO NOT KNOW.

3. COMMENT: A NUMBER OF PERSONS KNOWN TO EMBASSY--INCLUDING EMILIO MIGNONE AND WIFE OF PHYSICIST J. C. GALLARDO--MUST BE DISAPPOINTED AS THEY HAD INFORMED EMBOFFS EARLIER THEY HAD HOPES OF SEEING THEIR RELATIVES FREED DURING THE CHRISTMAS "AMNESTY." MRS. GALLARDO VISITED EMBASSY LAST WEEK (DEC. 17) TO INFORM US THAT HER HUSBAND HAD RECEIVED JOB OFFER FROM A NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY AND HAD INITIATED STEPS TO PETITION INTERIOR MINISTRY TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THIS IS FIRST PETITION CASE KNOWN TO EMBASSY. WE WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY BECOME KNOWN.  
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